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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2007, in relation to the above-identified application. This paper is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 U.S.C. 1.114, including a check for \$395.00 to cover the RCE fee required under 35 U.S.C. 1.17(e) at the small entity rate. Applicants believe no other fees are necessary for consideration of this paper; however, if a further fee is due, please charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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